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On the Cover: A Greater Yellowlegs is among the many wetland wildlife species that can be photographed to advantage from a kayak. Photographer and author Gail Hansche set up on shore to catch this one in Wellfleet, MA, using a Nikon F100, Nikkor 500f4 lens, Nikon SB26 flash (set at -1), Bogen tripod and Fuji Provia 100 film.

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